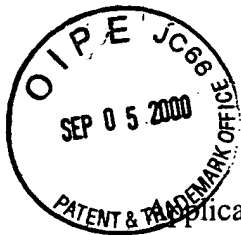


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2. Applicant is a small entity. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was filed on March 25, 1999.
3. No change has been made in the number of claims.
4. Attached is the Submission of Formal Drawings.
5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Account No. 04-1679.

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